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ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
AMHERST, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 8, 2022

BALLOT 1 OF 3

Nancy G. Jensen
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this:
B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

<p>SELECTMEN</p> <p>(3 Years) Vote for not more than two</p> <p>PETER LYON</p> <p>BILL STOUGHTON <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>TOWN MODERATOR</p> <p>(2 Years) Vote for not more than one</p> <p>STEPHEN W. COUGHLAN</p> <p>TIMOTHY KACHMAR <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>CEMETERY TRUSTEE</p> <p>(3 Years) Vote for not more than one</p> <p>CYNTHIA DOKMO</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p>LIBRARY TRUSTEES</p> <p>(3 Years) Vote for not more than three</p> <p>GRETCHEN PYLES</p> <p>DAVID HALLENBECK <input type="radio"/></p> <p>ELISABETH LARSON <input type="radio"/></p> <p>STEPHEN MANTIUS <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS</p> <p>(3 Years) Vote for not more than two</p> <p>TRACIE ADAMS</p> <p>TOM SILVIA <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS</p> <p>(3 Years) Vote for not more than one</p> <p>ROBERT GRUNBECK</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST</p> <p>(6 Years) Vote for not more than one</p> <p>JEANNE G. LUDT</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEMBER</p> <p>(3 Years) Vote for not more than one</p> <p>DANIELLE PRAY</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>
<p>ARTICLES</p>		

ARTICLE 22: Operating Budget

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth herein, totaling **\$15,518,154**. Should this article be defeated the default budget shall be **\$14,928,440** which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. This operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations contained in any other warrant article. (Majority vote required)

(The Board of Selectmen supports this article by a vote of 4-1-0)
(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 7-0-0)

YES
NO ☐
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ARTICLE 23: Contingency Fund

Shall the Town vote to establish a contingency fund for the current year, in accordance with NH RSA Section 31:98-a, for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred-twenty thousand dollars (**\$120,000**) to go into the fund. Said sum shall come from the undesignated fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation. Any appropriation left in the fund at the end of the year will lapse to the general fund. (Majority vote required)

(The Board of Selectmen supports this article by a vote of 5-0-0)
(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 7-0-0)

YES
NO ☐
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ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 24: Communications Center Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars **(\$25,000)** to be added to the Communications Center Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. (Majority vote required)

YES ☐
NO ☐

(The Board of Selectmen supports this article by a vote of 5-0-0.)
(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 7-0-0)

ARTICLE 25: Assessing Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars **(\$25,000)** to be added to the Assessing Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. (Majority vote required)

YES ☐
NO ☐

(The Board of Selectmen supports this article by a vote of 5-0-0)
(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 7-0-0)

ARTICLE 26: Bridge Repair and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred thousand **(\$200,000)** to be added to the Bridge Repair and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. (Majority vote required)

YES ☐
NO ☐

(The Board of Selectmen supports this article by a vote of 5-0-0)
(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 7-0-0)

ARTICLE 27: Fire Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Purchase and Repair Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred fifty-seven thousand dollars **(\$257,000)** to be added to the Fire Rescue Vehicle and Equipment Purchase and Repair Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. (Majority vote required)

YES ☐
NO ☐

(The Board of Selectmen supports this article by a vote of 5-0-0)
(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 7-0-0)

ARTICLE 28: DPW Vehicles and Equipment Acquisition and Replacement CRF

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and twenty thousand dollars **(\$120,000)** to be added to the DPW Vehicles and Equipment Acquisition and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. (Majority vote required)

YES ☐
NO ☐

(The Board of Selectmen supports this article by a vote of 4-1-0)
(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 7-0-0)

ARTICLE 29: Amherst Multimodal Facilities CRF

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars **(\$75,000)** to be added to the Amherst Multimodal Facilities Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. (Majority vote required)

YES ☐
NO ☐

(The Board of Selectmen supports this article by a vote of 5-0-0)
(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 7-0-0)

ARTICLE 30: Village Area Multimodal Road Infrastructure Design & Engineering

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ninety-eight thousand dollars **(\$98,000)** for the purpose of design engineering for reconstruction and safety improvements for streets in the village area that are scheduled for reconstruction by the Department of Public Works, and the development of application materials for state, federal, and private grant programs.

YES ☐
NO ☐

This shall be a special, non-lapsing warrant article that will not lapse for a period of five years. (Majority vote required)

(The Board of Selectmen supports this article by a vote of 5-0-0)
(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 7-0-0)

ARTICLE 31: Recreation Fields Acquisition and Construction CRF

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars **(\$50,000)** to be added to the Recreation Fields Acquisition and Construction Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. (Majority vote required)

YES ☐
NO ☐

(The Board of Selectmen supports this article by a vote of 5-0-0)
(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 7-0-0)

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ARTICLE 32: Elderly, Blind and Disabled Exemption

Shall the Town vote to modify the elderly, blind, and disabled exemptions from property tax in the Town of Amherst, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers to be as follows:

For elderly persons:

- 65 years of age up to 74 years inclusive, an exemption of \$ 104,120. (formerly \$76,000);
- 75 years of age up to 79 years inclusive, an exemption of \$ 156,180. (formerly \$114,000);
- 80 years of age or older, an exemption of \$ 206,870. (formerly \$151,000); and

For blind persons of any age:

- an exemption of \$ 50,690. (formerly \$37,000); and

For disabled persons of any age:

- an exemption of \$ 89,050. (formerly \$65,000); and

For the elderly and the disabled exemptions only

- a net income of not more than \$49,960. (formerly \$41,760) for a single person, or if married, a combined net income of less than \$67,640. (formerly \$57,000); and
- own assets not in excess of \$165,000. (formerly \$150,000) excluding the value of the person's residence in accordance with RSA 72:39-a.

To qualify for any of the above exemptions, a person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least three (3) years (5 years for the disabled person), own real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least five(5)years.

YES ☐

NO ☐

(The Board of Selectmen supports this article by a vote of 5-0-0)

(The Ways and Means Committee supports this article by a vote of 7-0-0)

ARTICLE 33: New Hampshire Resolution to Stop the Puppy Mill Pipeline (By Petition)

By petition of 25 or more eligible voters of the town of Amherst; to see if the town will go on record opposing the retail sale of dogs and cats in pet stores in the town. This resolution is necessary because the majority of dogs and cats sold in pet stores are sourced from large-scale, inhumane commercial breeding facilities commonly called "puppy mills." The record of this vote shall be transmitted by written notice from the selectmen to the town's state legislators and to the Governor of New Hampshire.

YES ☐

NO ☐

2022 ZONING WARRANT ARTICLES

Article 34: Planning Board Proposed Amendment #1

Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

To amend Article IV, Zoning Regulations, Section 4.17 Planned Residential Development (PRD), to add requirements that a feasible baseline density plan be submitted; to include language that describes factors to be incorporated to maintain rural aesthetic and character; to require documentation to ensure protection of open space; to require documentation to demonstrate any restrictions on housing ownership; to require clusters of dwellings as opposed to frontage lots; to specify that the Board may, but is not required to, grant increased unit density and to cap that increased density at 25% and to provide the rationale for why such increase may be granted; to clarify what land is considered to be open space and that such open space shall be open to the public except in certain circumstances and to limit construction within the open space; and to include reference to the goals of the Master Plan, as detailed in the full-text copy of the 2022 Amendments to the Amherst Zoning Ordinance proposed by the Amherst Planning Board.

YES ☐

NO ☐

(Planning Board recommends approval of this amendment 7-0-0)

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2022 ZONING WARRANT ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 35: Planning Board Proposed Amendment #2

Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

Amend Article III, General Zoning Provisions, Section 3.18 Conditional Use Permits, Subsection 3.18 C.1.d. to add water usage, septic loading, and stormwater runoff to the list therein, and Subsection 3.18 C.1.e. to add surface water as well as reference to the Floodplain Conservation and Wetland and Watershed Conservation Districts as well as the Aquifer Conservation and Wellhead Protection District, and to add a new Subsection 3.18 C.1.g. to include factors for the Planning Board to consider relevant to the rural aesthetic and character of the town; to amend Section 3.18 C.3.a. to specify a timeframe for subsequent applications to be obtained and for construction to begin following CUP approval; and, to amend Section 3.18 C.3.b. to specify how an extension to the CUP timeframe may be obtained if the requirements in Section 3.18 C.3.a. are not met, as detailed in the full-text copy of the 2022 Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance proposed by the Amherst Planning Board.

YES ☐
NO ☐

(Planning Board recommends approval of this amendment 7-0-0)

Article 36: Planning Board Proposed Amendment #3

Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

Amend Article IV, Zoning Regulations, Sections 4.3 D.3., Residential/Rural Zone, 4.4 D.3., Northern Transitional Zone, and 4.5 E.3., Northern Rural Zone, to add a requirement that on a corner lot accessory buildings require a 50' setback from all the streets bordering the lot, as detailed in the full-text copy of the 2022 Amendments to the Amherst Zoning Ordinance proposed by the Amherst Planning Board.

YES ☐
NO ☐

(Planning Board recommends approval of this amendment 7-0-0)

Article 37: Planning Board Proposed Amendment #4

Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

Amend Article IV, Zoning Regulations, Sections 4.3 C.2., Residential/Rural Zone, 4.4 C.2., Northern Transitional Zone, 4.5 D.2., Northern Rural Zone, 4.6 B.2., General Office Zone, 4.7 C.2., Commercial Zone, 4.8 C.2., Limited Commercial Zone, and 4.9 D.2., Industrial Zone, to require frontage to be provided on all sides of a lot that abut a street, as detailed in the full-text copy of the 2022 Amendments to the Amherst Zoning Ordinance proposed by the Amherst Planning Board.

YES ☐
NO ☐

(Planning Board recommends approval of this amendment 7-0-0)

Article 38: Planning Board Proposed Amendment #5

Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

Amend Article IV, Zoning Regulations, Section 4.11 Wetland and Watershed Conservation District, Subsection 4.11, J., Article IV, Zoning Regulations, Section 4.13 Aquifer Conservation and Wellhead Protection District, Subsections 4.13 H.1.i., 4.13 I., and 4.13 I.2.d., to require proof of compliance with applicable stormwater regulations as part of a Conditional Use Permit Application, and to refer to Best Management Practices for the vertical separation of a stormwater facility above the seasonal high water table, as detailed in the full-text copy of the 2022 Amendments to the Amherst Zoning Ordinance proposed by the Amherst Planning Board.

YES ☐
NO ☐

(Planning Board recommends approval of this amendment 7-0-0)

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2022 ZONING WARRANT ARTICLES

Article 39: Planning Board Proposed Amendment #6

Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

This housekeeping amendment would amend Articles II, Establishment of Districts, III, General Zoning Provisions, IV, Zoning Regulations, V, Special Exceptions, VI, Administration, VIII, Miscellaneous Provisions, and IX Definitions; Sections 4.3 A.6., 4.4 B.6., 4.5 B.6., 4.6 A.6., 4.7 A.5., 4.8 A.8., 4.9 A.19, 4.13 F.2.a., 4.17 B., 4.20 A.3., and 9.1, to delete reference to the IHO that was deleted by petition in March 2020; Section 2.1, Division of Town into Districts, to bring out of date district names up to date, correctly name the overlay districts, and remove the list of dates that indicated the original adoption date but not any amendments; Section 3.3, Water Pollution Control Regulations, to delete reference to Water Pollution Control Regulations which was renamed the Septic System Ordinance on 7/27/15; Section 3.4, Signs, Section 3.4 C. and C.1. to change Zoning Office to Office of Community Development; Section 3.4 C.2.a and 3.4 I.2. to change Zoning Official to Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer; Section 3.4 D.1. and 4.13 D.1. to change Community Development Office to Office of Community Development; Section 3.4 I.2. to change Administrator to Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer; Section 3.4 M.1., 3.6 C., 3.8 C.3., 3.16 H.1., 3.16 J.3., 4.15 B., 4.15 E.2., 4.15 F., 4.15 H., 4.15 I.2., 6.2 A.1., 6.2 B.1., 6.2 B.2., and 6.2 B.3. to change Zoning Administrator to Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer; Section 3.4 M.2.c. to change Zoning Officials to Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer; Section 3.4 M.1. to change Board of Appeals to Board of Adjustment; Section 3.6 C. to change he and his to he or she and his or her; Section 3.7 A.2., 3.18 D., 5.2 D., 6.2 C.1., 6.2 D.1., 6.2 D.3.a., to change Administrative Official to Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer; Section 3.8 A. to change reference to the Historic District and the Wetland and Watershed Conservation Overlay Districts and to change Zoning Administrator to Board of Selectmen; Section 3.8 C.3.b. and 3.8 C.3.b.i. to refer to new permits not renewals; Section 3.15 D.1.f., 3.15 D.2.g., 3.15 D.3.j., and 3.15 F.3. to change Planning Director to Director of Community Development; Section 4.10 D., 4.10 E., 4.10 F., 4.10 G., 4.10 H., 4.10 H.1., and 4.10 H.2. to change Zoning Department to Office of Community Development; Section 4.10 H.5. to require the applicant to provide floodway data rather than the Office of Community Development doing so; Section 4.10 I., 4.10 I.2. and 4.10 J. to require the applicant to provide 100-year floodplain data rather than the Office of Community Development doing so; Section 4.10 I. 2. to change A Zones to Zone A; Section 4.10 N.1. to change Building Inspector to Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer; Section 4.14 G.c.i. to add Subdivision as well as Non-Residential Site Plan Review; Section 4.14 G.c.ii. to delete the Note that refers to the Affordable Housing Suitability ordinance that no longer exists; Section 4.14 H. to change Zoning Administrator to Planning Board; Section 4.15 E.1. to delete reference to a zoning permit which does not exist and to break the second sentence into two for clarity; Section 4.19 C. to change the definition of Impact Fee to match RSA 674:21 V.; Section 5.2 A.1.6. to refer to the correct overlay district; Section 5.2 A.2. to change Amherst Zoning/Planning Office to Office of Community Development; to delete Section 6.2 D.3.b.; Section 6.3 D. to change reference to a one year prohibition on refiling an application that is denied to finding that there is a material change in circumstances or a material difference in use; Section 6.3 E.2. to add reference to equitable waivers of dimensional requirements and to change Administrative Official to Office of Community Development; Section 8.1 to delete the word morals; Section 8.2 to delete the 1963 date from the short title by which the Zoning Ordinance shall be known; Section 9.1 to amend the Accessory Apartment definition to refer to detached structures, to delete the definition of Administrative Official since that position no longer exists, to update the Best Management Practices definition to refer to the NH Stormwater Manual, to add reference to the Best Management Practices for Wetlands, to change the Home Occupation definition to match that in Section 3.15, to delete the definition of Veterinary Clinics from the definition of Kennel, to change the definition of Multi-Family Housing to match the state definition, and to add a definition of Veterinary Clinic, as detailed in the full-text copy of the 2022 Amendments to the Amherst Zoning Ordinance proposed by the Amherst Planning Board.

YES ☐

NO ☐

(Planning Board recommends approval of this amendment 7-0-0)

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